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At 6 PM meeting with President Harrison and Foreign Minister I (1) handed President copy of President Kennedy's letter (with additional copy under cover first person note to Foreign Minister), (2) stated position per reference telegram and requested GOU support for USG in proposed OAS action, (3) warned of possibility of communist violence and suggested consideration necessary preventive measures.

(4) had Foreign Minister translate to President Harrison some paragraphs first quarter text President's speech describing communist missile bases and sent second and third quarters as received.

President Harrison reacted with forthright declaration approval US position. He recognized probability widespread communist violence everywhere but in Paraguay.

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Alluding to historic difficulty democracies face in acting with decisive initiative, I predicted President Kennedy's speech would have galvanic effect and said I strongly hoped that US and Uruguay, which foremost in reputation as American democracies, would in this case both act with vigor and decision.

Both men indicated
up their hands at

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